

Darien Health Department

Health & Medical Annex

Emergency Operations Plan

Town of Darien



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Introduction

Promulgation Document: Health & Medical services in Darien are provided by a variety of entities, including the following local organizations:

The Darien Health Department (DHD) is a governmental entity separate from the Connecticut State Department of Public Health, but is linked by statute in several important ways: the Commissioner of Public Health reviews and approves the appointment of the Darien Director of Health who is charged with performing critical public health functions in the areas of infectious disease control and overseeing environmental health in the community. In addition, the Director of Health has the legal authority to order corrections of public health code violations, to grant and rescind permits (such as for food services establishments or septic systems) and is provided with funding to carry out the full array of public health activities to preserve and improve the health of people in Darien. Specific responsibilities include oversight of well water quality, food safety in food service establishments, disease surveillance, oversight of onsite sewage disposal systems, environmental health monitoring, mass vaccination & medication distribution, health intelligence, beach water sampling, vector/vermin control as well as inspections of hair, nail and cosmetology salons. The Darien Health Department is also responsible for providing health policy recommendations and medical advice to the Board of Selectmen.

Darien Emergency Medical Service/Post 53 (EMS) is a non-governmental non-profit agency responsible for emergency medical services to the Darien community. Stamford Emergency Medical Services provides contracted paramedic intercept response to the Town of Darien. Both services are licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Darien Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the public sewer system and oversight of garbage collection, specifically the waste transfer station. Mosquito control efforts may be performed by DPW under Health Department oversight.

Darien Animal Control (DAC) collects animals and delivers them to the Health Department for testing when rabies is suspected.

Other providers of Health & Medical services include:

Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) ensures the safety of public water system, disease surveillance, environmental health monitoring, mass vaccination guidance & medication distribution, laboratory services and health intelligence.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) provides environmental monitoring, vermin/vector control, and reference.)

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CTDAG) provides oversight of the commercial shellfish program and issue Shellfish Warnings & Advisories.

Aquarion Water Company is a private company that manages the public water system.

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CTAES) provides tick testing, mosquito testing, and information)

Other private medical services located in the community include physicians and other advanced care professionals, home care nursing, pharmacies, dentists, chiropractors, and naturopaths.

This document only covers responsibilities within the Health Department of the Town of Darien. Other documentation from other agencies can be found in their Disaster Plans.

Approval and Implementation: The Health and Medical Annex covers individual and shared responsibilities of Darien Board of Selectmen, Darien Public Schools, Darien Emergency Management, Darien Health, Darien Public Works, Darien Animal Control, Darien Emergency Medical Services, and Stamford Emergency Medical Services. Although the Functional Annexes in this document cover the anticipated and/or legally required processes, specific conditions may require a Health and Medical response to novel events. This annex supersedes all previous plans. Modifications to the plan may be made by the plan coordinator, the Darien Director of Health. This annex is reviewed at least annually.

Record of Changes and Annual Updates.

Change #	Date	Name of Authorizing Official	Summary of Changes
0	01/2012	Knauf	Initial DRAFT Promulgation
1	08/2012	Knauf	Updated Municipal Water Policies to Reflect Aquarian's Role
2	11/2012	Knauf	Revision
3	01/2013	Knauf	Annual Review & Update

Record of Distribution. The annex is a public document and will appear on the Town web site and will become a component of the Town of Darien Emergency Operation Plan.

Purpose, Scope, Situation Overview, and Planning Assumptions

Purpose. This annex is meant to provide an overview of the defined sub-functions within the Health & Medical Annex of the Town of Darien Emergency Operations Plan.

Scope. This annex covers individual and shared responsibilities for Health & Medical operations within the Town of Darien.

Situation Overview. While this plan covers any variety of health-related crises, Darien's primary acute health risks could result from:

- Trauma/physical injury (from crashes of multi-passenger vehicles),
- Power outages (from events like snow/ice storms, hurricanes or blackouts),
- Transportation restrictions (from snow/ice storms, crashes, fires, or structural problems on major highways)
- Large scale disease or illness outbreak.

Darien's vulnerable critical facilities include food service facilities, power transmission lines, natural gas service lines, sewer pump stations, the public water pump stations and distribution system, the transportation system including the railroad (Metro North) and the highways, especially I-95, as well as government offices, including the police Department, the library, fire stations and schools. Self-assessment was used by the jurisdiction to determine its capabilities and limits in order to prepare for and respond to the defined hazards. Because trauma/physical injury, power outages, and transportation restrictions are outside of the control of the agencies involved, no actions have been taken in advance to minimize an incident's impacts.

Planning Assumptions. No specific assumptions have been made in the preparation of this plan.

Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

This plan is coordinated by the Director of the Darien Health Department. Health and Medical operations are divided into the following missions, with the primary and secondary agencies identified:

Mission	Primary Agency	Secondary Agency	Note
Emergency Medical Care	DEMS/Post 53	SEMS	DEMS provides ambulance and basic life support; SEMS provides paramedic care.
Food Safety	DHD	CTDPH	CT DPH can also assist with Food Safety.
Water	Drinking Water: Aquarion, Public Waters: CT DAG, DHD, CTDPH, EPA	Drinking Water: CTDPH as regulator	Provision, testing, and public information of public water (Aquarion), Public water safety (CTDPH), Well water (DHD), shellfish (CT DAG), recreational water quality (DHD, CTDPH, EPA)
Sewage	DPW/ DHD/DEEP	Stamford WPCA	Septic (DHD), Sewer (DPH)
Disease Surveillance	DHD	CT DPH, Hospitals	
Environmental Monitoring	DHD, CTDPH, CTDEEP, CTAES	DHD	DHD has limited assessment and corrective capacity
Hair, Nail & Cosmetology Salon Permitting & Inspection	DHD		
Mass Vaccination and Medicine Distribution	DHD	CTDPH, hospitals, clinicians	
Health Information Collection, Analysis, and Intelligence Dissemination	DHD, CTDPH	Hospitals, Clinicians	Information from a variety of sources, intelligence by DHD.
Vector Control	Rodents: DHD	DPW, CTDEEP	
	Rabies: DHD, DAC, CTDPH	CTDEEP, CT DAG	DHD submits specimens to CTDPH for testing.
	Mosquito: DPW, DHD	CTDEEP, CTAES, CTDPH	CTAES does mosquito pool testing, CTDPH does public information.

Mission	Primary Agency	Secondary Agency	Note
	Tick: DHD, CTAES	GHD	CTAES tests ticks, GHD is alternate testing site.
Garbage & Bulk Waste	DPW	DEEP, DHD	Collection by private contractors, trash transfer station managed by DPW.
Sheltering	Board of Selectmen	DEM, DHD, DPS, DPD	Sheltering may refer to non-overnight Comfort Centers or overnight Shelters.

Darien Health Department (DHD)
Darien Emergency Medical Service/Post 53 (DEMS)
Stamford Emergency Medical Services (SEMS)
Darien's Department of Public Works (DPW)
Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Darien Animal Control (DAC)
The State Department of Public Health (CTDPH)
The State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)
The State Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture (CTDAG)
Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station (CTAES)
Greenwich Health Department (GHD)
Darien Emergency Management (DEM)
Darien Public Schools (DPS)
Darien Police Department (DPD)

Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

Emergency Medical Care (Core Mission for All Crisis)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Emergency Medical Services/Post 53 (ambulance service), Stamford Emergency Medical Service (paramedic service)

Functions: Triage, emergency medical care, and transportation of the sick & injured

Example: Heavy snowfall results in snow-related injuries and illnesses

Darien Emergency Medical Services would:

- Provide emergency medical response, triage, emergency medical care and transportation

Stamford Emergency Medical Services would:

- Provide paramedic service to Darien

Key Contact Information:

Darien Emergency Medical Services	Ron Hammer	203 655 8980
Stamford Emergency Medical Service	Ed Browne	203 968 1118

Food Safety (Core Mission in Power Failure)

Responsible Agency: Darien Health Department, CT Department of Public Health

Functions: Inspections of food preparation and service facilities (and mass care shelters)

Example: High winds result in significant downed wires and general power outages in Darien

Darien Health Department would:

- Provide information via phone, email or fax to all licensed food preparation and service facilities if possible
- Inspectors to physically inspect licensed food preparation and service facilities. Inspection may be specific, by category, or generalized
- Coordinate public information with Board of Selectmen

The Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Provide advice and logistical support

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
CT Dept. of Health	Food Protection Program	860-509-7297

Water (Core Mission for Flood, Water Crisis)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (private well water and recreational water), Connecticut Department of Public Health (advice), Connecticut Department of Agriculture (shellfish advisories), and Aquarion Water Company (public water provision, quality, and public information)

Functions: Safety of water supply (public and private well water) and recreational water (beaches & public pools), and shellfish industry

Example: Discoloration in public water system

Aquarion Water Company would:

- Provide water to public water system
- Ensure public water quality
- Provide information to the public, including “Boil Water” notices

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Provide advice to partners

Darien Health Department would:

- Provide information regarding the disinfection of private wells when needed
- Facilitate water quality testing of private wells
- Reinforce “Boil Water” advisory notices as necessary for public water supplies
- Coordinate public information and keep Board of Selectmen informed.
- Serve as liaison between various agencies, the water company and the media.

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Connecticut Department of Public Health		860 509 7333
Connecticut Department of Agriculture		203 874 0696
Aquarion Water Company	Emergency #	800 732 9678

Sewage (Core Mission for Flooding)

Responsible Agency: Darien Health Department (licensure and oversight of septic systems), Darien Public Works (public sewage systems and refuse disposal)

Functions: Septic systems and public sewage systems. Refuse disposal, including storm & flooding clean-up.

Example: Heavy rainfall results in significant flooding in Darien

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding use of septic systems during flooding conditions, power outages, and when water table is high
- Issue information guidance and emergency orders, as necessary
- Provide public information about disinfection after sewage backup
- Work with Darien Public Works, Board of Selectmen, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,

and Department of Public Health for water quality, shellfish, and other issues related to sewage discharge

Darien Public Works would:

- Ensure integrity of public sewer system
- Issue public information regarding use of public sewer systems flooding conditions and power outages.
- Work with Darien Health Department, Board of Selectmen, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for water quality, shellfish, and other issues related to sewage discharge.

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Darien Public Works	Robert Steeger	203 656 7346

Disease Surveillance (Core Mission for Disease Outbreak)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (basic surveillance activities and epidemiology), Connecticut Department of Public Health (advanced surveillance activities, epidemiology, and public health lab), hospitals

Functions: Disease surveillance, epidemiology, and public health laboratory testing

Example: Outbreak of West Nile Virus in Darien

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding disease outbreak
- Assist with basic disease surveillance for limited disease outbreaks
- Engage in basic epidemiological assessment
- Advise Board of Selectmen and Darien Public Works on appropriate response

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Issue public information regarding disease outbreak
- Perform advanced disease surveillance for wide-scale disease outbreaks
- Engage in advanced epidemiological assessment
- Perform public health lab testing in conjunction with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
- Interface with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for esoteric disease outbreaks

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
	Caleb Moore, MD	
Connecticut Department of Public Health		860 509 7994
Stamford Hospital	Infection Control	203 276 1000
Norwalk Hospital	Infection Control	203 852 2000

Environmental Monitoring (Core Mission for Hazardous Material Event/Fires)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (basic environmental health monitoring and advice), Connecticut Department of Public Health (advanced environmental health monitoring, sampling, and complex advice), and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (advanced environmental monitoring, sampling, containment, remediation, and complex advice), Darien Police – provide security. Functions: Monitoring of environmental health issues, including pollution, hazardous materials events, and radiation

Example: Large oil tanker fire on I-95 causes significant smoke condition

Darien Health Department would:

- Consult with the Department of Public Health and DEEP for guidance and advice
- Issue public information regarding environmental health issues after review with Board of Selectmen, Chief Administrative Officer, and Darien Fire Department
- Provide public sector SME services and interface with the Department of Public Health and Darien DPD.
- Assist with basic environmental monitoring and sampling
- Engage in basic epidemiological assessment

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Issue public information regarding environmental health issues through Darien Health Department
- Assist with advanced environmental monitoring and sampling
- Engage in advanced or long-term epidemiological assessment

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection would:

- Issue public information regarding environmental issues
- Provide advanced environmental monitoring, sampling, containment, remediation, and complex advice

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Connecticut Department of Public Health		860 509 8530
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		860 424 3338

Hair, Nail & Cosmetology Salon Permitting & Inspection

Responsible Agency: Darien Health Department

Functions: Licensure and inspection of beauty-related service establishments.

Example: Can stop in a crisis - power outage

Darien Health Department would:

- Return to inspection of beauty-related service establishments as time allowed

Key Contact Information:

Mass Vaccination and Medicine Distribution (Core Mission for Some Disease Outbreaks)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (limited service provision), Connecticut Department of Public Health (public information, support), hospitals (service provision), clinicians including pharmacists (service provision)

Functions: Distribution of preventative measures in the event of an actual or threatened widespread disease outbreak or exposure to environmental toxin (biological, chemical, or radioactive).

Example: Flu outbreak requires significant vaccination campaign

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding the event after consultation with Board of Selectmen and Chief Administrative Officer
- Set up and manage a public health point of distribution center

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Issue public information regarding the event
- Distribute medication to Darien Health Department

Hospitals & Clinicians

- Provide service provision (vaccination or distribution)

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
	Caleb Moore, MD	

Connecticut Department of Public Health		
Stamford Hospital		203 276 1000
Norwalk Hospital		203 852 2000

Health Information Collection, Analysis, and Intelligence Dissemination (Core Mission for All Crises)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Hospitals, and Clinicians

Functions: Gathering relevant health information to create actionable intelligence (Darien Health Department), dissemination of intelligence to Selectmen, department heads, government, clinicians, partners, media, and the public (Darien Health Department, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Hospitals, and Clinicians)

Example: Flu outbreak requires significant social protection campaign because vaccine is not available

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding the event

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Issue public information regarding the event

Hospitals & Clinicians

- Issue public information regarding the event and counsel patients

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
	Caleb Moore, MD	
Connecticut Department of Public Health		860 509 7270
Stamford Hospital		203 276 5933
Norwalk Hospital		203 852 2000

Vermin/Vector Control & Nuisance Conditions

Rodent Control

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department, Department of Public Works (control contracting), Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection support for rat control

Functions: Oversight of control of disease vectors

Example: Rat infestation at shopping center caused by unsecured garbage

Darien Health Department would

- Issue Orders directing responsible party/property owner to adequately maintain property
- Provide public information regarding the event
- Serve as point of contact with public for specific disease events

Darien Public Works would:

- Contract with pest control vendors if the problem is on Town owned property.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection would:

- Provide support and advice on rat control

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Darien Public Works	Robert Steeger	203 656 7346
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		860 424 3000

Rabies

Responsible Agencies: Darien Animal Control, Darien Health Department, Connecticut Department of Public Health Lab for testing and the State Department of Public Health for advice

Functions: Oversight of control of disease vectors related to rabies

Example: Three rabid skunks found in Darien

Darien Health Department would:

- Submit euthanized animals to State Health Department Laboratory for testing
- Provide information and advice regarding the event
- Serve as point of contact with public

Darien Animal Control would:

- Capture and euthanize suspected rabid animals
- Perform quarantine on domestic animals exposed to rabies

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Perform rabies testing on submitted specimens
- Provide advice as needed

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Darien Animal Control	Chip Stahl	203 662 5345
Connecticut Department of Public Health		860 509 7994

Mosquito-Related

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (public information), Department of Public Works (mosquito control), Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (support for mosquitoes control), and Connecticut Department of Public Health (health advice)

Functions: Oversight of control of mosquitoes

Example: Annual mosquito population is infected with West Nile virus and needs control measures

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding the event after consulting with Medical Advisor and First Selectman
- Serve as point of contact with public and the media

Darien Public Works would:

- Manage contractors who engage in the mosquito spraying program

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection would:

- Advise on mosquito spraying program

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Provide health advice to the public

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Darien Public Works	Robert Steeger	203 656 7346
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		860 642 7630
Connecticut Department of Public Health		

Tick-Related

Responsible Agencies: Darien Health Department (general), Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station (tick testing and advice), and Connecticut Department of Public Health (public advice)

Functions: Oversight of control of disease vectors including ticks

Example: The deer population, which has exploded due to warm weather and lack of predators, is infected with ticks which carry Lyme Disease virus

Darien Health Department would:

- Issue public information regarding the event
- Submit ticks for testing
- Serve as point of contact for the media and the public
- Recommend policies to the Board of Selectmen

Connecticut Department of Public Health would:

- Provide health advice

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station		203 974 8500
Connecticut Department of Public Health		

Nuisance Abatement, Trash/Garbage collection and Disposal

Responsible Agency: Darien Department of Health

Functions: Ensuring trash removal is performed adequately to minimize nuisance or other public health hazard conditions.

Example: Owner of shopping center doesn't pay trash bill leaving garbage at shopping centers uncollected for over a week

Darien Health Department would:

- Coordinate alternate strategies for collection and disposal of garbage

Key Contact Information:

Darien Health Department	Barrington Bogle	203 656 7322
Darien Disposal Service	Keith Pensiero	203 323 0339

Sheltering (Core Mission for All Crisis)

Responsible Agencies: Darien Board of Selectmen, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Darien Department of Public Works, Darien Board of Education, Darien Library, Darien Police Department, American Red Cross

Functions: Sheltering

Example: Power failure results in opening of a comfort center (non-overnight) or shelter (overnight) to provide temporary shelter to a limited number of town residents.

Darien Board of Selectmen would:

- Determine when the sheltering facilities would open and close, and determine the level of services.

Darien Public Schools would:

- Provide the shelter at the High School, including custodial & food services.

Darien Public Library would:

- Provide comfort center (heating or cooling, non-overnight) as necessary

Darien Health Department would:

- Provide inspection of food preparation facilities;
- Provide inspection of general sanitation and sanitation processes of facility;
- Provide medical policy consulting services to the Board of Selectmen.

Darien Emergency Management would:

- Coordinate staffing of facility.

Darien Police would:

- Provide security to the facility as needed.

Darien EMS/Post 53 would:

- Provide emergency medical staffing to the facility.

Key Contact Information:

Darien Board of Selectmen	Jayme Stevenson	203 656 7386
Darien Public Schools	Stephen Falcone	203 656 7412
Darien Health Department	David Knauf	203 656 7320
Darien Emergency Management	Marc McEwan	203 656 7304
Darien Police	Duane Lovello	203 662 5300
Darien Emergency Medical Services/Post 53	Ron Hammer	203 655 8980

Direction, Control, and Coordination

Each agency/department retains control of their assets and staff and is responsible for completing their Mission(s). The Director of Health is responsible for collecting information, advising town officials, and the coordination of public health activities during a crisis. Mission prioritization and control of resources ultimately rests with Darien town leadership. Should the demands of the event exceed the capability of the Darien Health Department, the Director of Health may request assistance from neighboring Region 1 assets and resources. Ultimate decision making in requesting such assistance rests with the First Selectman in consultation with the Director of Health.

Information Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination

Health Intelligence is the responsibility of the Director of Health who will be responsible for creating the “Health Common Operating Picture” (for peers) and the Disaster Intelligence Analysis (for decision makers).

Communication

The primary vehicles for communication in a crisis are telephone, cell phone (voice and text messaging), computers (email), radio and fax. Other communication strategies, such as WebEOC and the town-wide alert system “Code Red” are available. In a crisis, each department/agency should endeavor to maintain normal communication strategies, adding only a level of communication necessary to create a common operating picture among all involved departments, including but not limited to the Darien town government officials and the State of Connecticut government officials.

Administration, Finance, and Logistics

Each department/agency is self-contained and funded from a variety of sources. During crisis, support should not be anticipated, but in specific events and depending on conditions, support may be obtained from the Town of Darien, from peer agencies and from partners. Expenses incurred, including time, while responding to an emergency response shall be documented in writing.

Emergency medical care support and environmental response may be obtained from regional mutual aid agreements.

Plan Development and Maintenance

Each relevant local department/agency shall annually review the overall plan with particular attention to their responsibilities. Draft revisions shall be forwarded to the Darien Health Department Director for inclusion in the subsequent year’s plan.

The Darien Health Department Director is responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the plan.

This plan annex will be reviewed annually and revised as needed. Implementation of the revised plan shall include a regular cycle of training, evaluating, reviewing, and updating of the EOP.

Authorities and References

Public Health: *In Connecticut, the State Commissioner of Public Health has ultimate responsibility for the overall protection of public health. The Commissioner has authority over local health directors and they serve as his (or her) agents. The Commissioner is required to assist and advise local health departments (LHDs) in the performance of their duties and this may require the enforcement of any law, regulation or ordinance relating to public health.*

Local health departments (LHDs) are critical providers of population-based essential public health services in Connecticut. These local departments are governmental entities separate from the Connecticut Department of Public Health but are linked by statute in several important ways: all appointments of local directors of health must be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner of Public Health; they have common mandates to carry out critical public health functions in the areas of infectious disease control in the community, as well as enhancing environmental health; with the legal authority to levy fines and penalties for public health code violations, and to grant and rescind licenses or permits (such as for food services establishments or septic systems); together with a provision for funding to carry out the full array of public health activities to improve the health of people in their jurisdictions. Municipal health authorities and districts must include the enforcement of the state public health code as required by DPH in their responsibilities.

-State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health